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**TCS-7252-60**  
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**1 April 1960**

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division**

**SUBJECT : Systems IV and VI**

**REFERENCE : A. Memo for ARC Members from Ch/ARC dtd**  
**25 Jan 60, Subject: System IV ELINT**

**B. Memo for DD/P from Ch/ARC dtd 17 Mar 60,**  
**Subject: System IV and VI (TCS-7075-60)**

**C. Memo for AC/DPD from [redacted] DPD**  
**dtd 25 Mar 60, Subject: System IV, Cost**  
**Estimates for Improvement (TCS-7224-60)**

*(Note: TCS 7224-60 not attached. Loan by available  
from A/C/DPD-DD/P - dlv)*

1. I take it that, in the bundle of papers I am returning herewith, Reference B is the action document since it is a memorandum addressed to the DD/P and containing recommendations for approval in paragraphs 6. and 7. I have signed this document indicating approval of the recommendations in part. My reservations are set forth in this memorandum.

2. I am, as you know, reluctant to make continuing further investments in ELINT equipment, especially that equipment designed for use exclusively in the U-2. Accordingly, before proceeding to make the three recommended modifications (listed in subparagraphs 6. a., b., and c. of Reference B) on five Systems VI, I would like to have you explore the possibility of a more limited improvement program. Specifically, I wonder whether it would not be feasible to modify only three systems, two to be assigned to Detachment B and one to Detachment C. The remaining two systems could be used for back-up.

3. I note in Reference A (paragraph 5. b.) there is a suggestion that System IV should in the near future be withdrawn from inventory and

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that this action might yield significant monetary savings. This possibility is not mentioned, however, in References B and C, nor is any estimate made of possible savings. My own views would be affected by the prospect of real savings from this source.

4. In summary, the following are my conclusions:

a. The improvement of three Systems VI by the carrying out of modifications listed in subparagraphs 6. a., b., and c. of Reference B is hereby authorized.

b. I request your comments on the feasibility of operations with only three modified systems backed up by two unmodified systems.

c. I request your comments on the desirability of withdrawing System IV from inventory and an estimate of the savings that might accrue from such action.

(sgd) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.]

**RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.**  
**Deputy Director**  
**(Plans)**

**Attachments:**

**References A, B, & C**

cc: C/SRS/DPD (Cy 3)

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